GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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AREA INTESNIVE PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether each Tehsil having 25,000 minority population is required to obtain approval from the Union Government for implementing the area intensive programme for the educationally backward minorities;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the details of schemes fulfilling the aforesaid criterion submitted by the State Governments pending with the Union Government particularly from Maharashtra;

(d) the reasons for their pendency; and

(e) the details of the amount and the time by which the same would be made available by the Government under the area-intensive programme during the current financial year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI KATHIRIA)

(a) & (b): Area Intensive Programme is being implemented ineducationally backward minority concentration blocks identified by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment. Criterionfor identification of such blocks is that the Blocks should have 20% or more Muslim population.

(c) & (d): One proposal each from Haryana, Karnataka & Rajasthan and that 10 proposals from Uttar Pradesh are awaiting consideration by the Grant-in-Aid Committee ofthe Department in its next meeting. In addition to the above one proposaleach from Bihar, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal approved by the GIAC in its meeting held on 22.11.2001 could notbe processed for release of grants due to pending utilization certificate/physical progress of work from these States. No proposal from Maharashtra is pending at present.

(e) The Grant-in-Aid Committee determines the amount of grant to be released for the proposed work.. The release of funds depends on submission of utilization certificate as well as the physical progress of work against the funds released to the State Government in the earlier years.